The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, March 21, 1727.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, March 14.

Hague, March 21. N. S.

COUNT Coningseck the Emperor's Minister at this Place, is underhand, dispersing among his Friends Copies of the Memorial which M. de Palme, his Imperial Majesty's Resident at London, presented to the King of Great Britain about 15 Days ago, denying some Facts laid down in his Majesty's Speech to the British Parliament, at the opening of the present Session, and appealing, in short, from the King to the People. This Memorial is drawn up in very strong Terms: But being destitute of Proofs, can make Impressions but on very few Persons. For the rest, we leave it to the British Court to animadvert upon it in a proper Way. But return to the unhappy Broils of Europe, to compose which, no Expedient has yet been found: The Court of Brussels however, is more in Hopes of one now than ever, an Express having passed through that Place, in his Way from Versailles to Vienna, with such Proposals on the Part of the French Court, as 'tis thought may not be rejected by the Emperor; but whether they be or not, the Passage of such an Express along, has raised the Ostend Stock, to 22 per Cent. above par, the Proprietors being well aware, that in Case of an Accommodation, their Ships may come home in Safety, and then they will make Returns of 50 per Cent. Profit. The Conferences of the English and French Ministers with their High Mightinesses Deputies, turn chiefly upon those two Points, namely the last Expedient proposed by the Court of France to that of Vienna, to prevent a War; (whose Fate, whether to be accepted or rejected, is not yet known) and in case it be rejected, the concerting of the Remainder of the Operations of the War, and dispersing Things in such Manner as not to be surprised by the Allies of Vienna. Mean while our last Letters from thence, say nothing of the March of the Imperial Troops; but some on the contrary assure us, that they are to continue where they are till further Orders: whence People are apt to conjecture, that the Emperor is willing to wait the Event of the Negociations that are now actually on Foot.

Vienna, March 8. The English and French Ministers received Expresses from their Courts, whereupon the former went immediately to Count Zinzendorf the Upper Chancellor, and the latter to Prince Eugene, with whom they had Conferences for several Hours. A Report runs that a Congress is a negociating. The Duke of Richlieu has been also with the Pope's Nuncio Grimaldi, and both of them went afterwards to the English Minister, whence 'tis concluded that these Conversations tend to the preserving Peace; and People take this for a good Reason, viz. That the Imperial Troops which were ordered to march are countermanded.

An Account of his Majesty's Ships of War, with the Number of Men each Ship, which are now abroad.

Under Vice-Admiral *Hosier.*

Bredah 460. Berwick 440. Lenox 440. all 3d Rates. The two last lately gone from Gibraltar.— Superbe 365. Nottingham 365. Dunkirk 365. Rippon 365. Dragon 280. Leopard 280. all 4th Rates.— Diamond 190, a 5th Rate.— Greyhound 130. Winchelsea 130. both 6th Rates.— Happy Sloop 100. Spence Sloop 100.

Under Sir *Char. Wager*, and Rear-Admiral *Hopson.*

Torbay gone from Portsmouth 540. Stirling-Castle 455. Burford 440. Kent 440. Royal Oak 440. all 3d Rates.— Canterbury 365. York 365. Colchester 240. Winchester 280. Swallow 280. Tyger 280. Portland 280. all 4th Rates.— Durfley 130. Lyme 130. both 6th Rates.— Hawk Sloop 50. Cruizer Sloop 50. Solebay Bomb 115. Thunder Bomb 40. Pool Fire Ship gone from Portsmouth 55. Kinsale a 5th Rate 190 coming from Antegoa.

The following Ships stationed in *America.*

Lyn 190, attending on Barbadoes. South Sea-Castle 190, on the Leeward Islands. Tartar 190, on Virginia. Scarborough 130, on Ditto. Lowstoff 130, on New York. Sheerness 130 on New-England. Sharke 100, on Carolina.

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London, March 14. Letters by the Yesterday's French Mail advise, That the Flotilla, consisting of 18 Sail, Men of War and Merchant-ships, were all safe arrived in several Ports of Spain; some at Bilboa, others at St. Andero and Port Passage; except one Ship that was forced by the Weather into Lisbon. 'Tis said this Fleet brings 15 Million of Pieces of Eight.

From the Weekly Journal, March 11.

The Misunderstandings betwixt the King of Denmark and the City of Hamburg, are increased, and that Prince has taken all possible Measures to lessen the Trade of that City.

Totness in Devonshire, March 9. The People of this Country are put into a Fright, Information having been lodg'd against so many of them in the Exchequer on account of Smuggling for some Years past, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, that the Consequences are much dreaded; a great many of the Inhabitants hereabouts having sold their Effects, and some their Estates, are shipp'd off for other Places. They say some of the Great Ones have not escaped.

Trade has been so dead for some Time, that 'tis computed there was not above 20 English Ships in all the Ports of Spain at the Beginning of the Hostilities.

Deserters say, That the late Duke of Ormond and Earl of Mar are in the Spanish Camp, and that as many die of Sickness as are killed by the Garrison; and that the Men in Gibraltar and on board were also very unhealthy.

From the Daily Journal, March 14.

Vienna, March 4. We are assured, that a Camp of Imperial Troops will be formed near Oppenheim, on the Rhine. 'Tis said they are chiefly design'd to cover Mentz and Luxemburg, which last is like to be the first attacked by the French Army, to cut off our Communication with the Netherlands.

Brussels, March 17. The Publick here begins to lay aside all Thoughts of following the India Trade, and to think of setting on foot the Herring, Cod, and Whale Fishery, which are thought to be more advantageous for the general Interest of these Provinces, than the India Trade, which carries out our Money, and brings back nothing in Return but China Ware, Tea, &c. which are Superfluities.

London, March 14. Last Saturday-night Capt. Molesworth, Brother to the Lord Molesworth, arrived here from Minorca, and brought an Account of the present Situation of Affairs in that Place, from my Lord Carpenter.

From the London Gazette, March 14.

Admiralty-office, March 14. His Majesty's Ship the *Torbay*, Capt. Nicolas Haddock Commander, sailed the 7th Instant from Spithead, with the *Pool* Fireship, and several Vessels with Ordnance and victualling Stores for Gibraltar.

Plymouth, March 9. Orders having come hither Yesterday by Express, for the Transports having on board Colonel Hay's and Middleton's Regiments of Foot, to put to Sea to join his Majesty's Ship *Torbay* at her Appearance off this Place, they were all in the Sound by 10 a-clock this Morning, and the *Torbay* appearing at one a-clock, this Afternoon they were all out of sight with a fresh Gale at East.

From the Flying Post, March 14.

We hear by private Letters from Holland, that Mr. Hunnekin (a Burgomaster of Roterdam, whose Crimes we described in a former Paper) is expected very soon out of France, which Kingdom delivered him up: He is to be judged by 16 Commissioners, nam'd by the Seven Provinces. The City of Amsterdam opposed this Resolution, pretending Right to judge him itself; but that City was obliged to yield to a Plurality of Voices.

As some Officers order'd for Gibraltar have quitted the Service, so the Duke of Richmond, Lord James Cavendish, and other Noble Lords and some Gentlemen, have obtained Leave of his Majesty to go thither as Volonteers; and they all will embark next Week, together with the Earl of Portmore Governor of Gibraltar, Lord Mark Ker, and Brigadier Bisset, whose Regiment is there.

From the St. James's Evening Post, March 14.

Copenhagen, Feb. 25. The Camp that is to be formed in Holstein next Spring, will consist of 18000.

Portsmouth, March 12. Yesterday a Spanish Ship of about 40 Tons, laden with Iron and Wool from Bilboa, for London, was forced in to Spithead, the Wind strong at East; and as she had Spanish Colours flying, she was soon taken notice of by the Men of War; and brought into the Harbour; but upon Examination of the Master's Papers, she is not thought to be so good a Prize as was at first expected, it appearing that the Cargo belongs to English Merchants at Bilboa and London.

London, March 14. Last Saturday-night the fine Sta-

Statue of the King on Horſeback, made by Mr. Noſt, and doubly gilt with Gold, and ſet up in Groſvenor Square, was very much defac'd by ſome vilainous Perſons yet unknown; the Left Leg being broke off at the Thigh, and laid upon the Pedeſtal, one Rein of the Bridle almoſt cut thorow, the Sword and Truncheon wrench'd off and carried away, the Neck alſo hack'd as if they had deſign'd to cut off the Head, and a moſt ſcandalous Libel was left at the Place.

----- A Report is ſpread, that the Spaniards had repulſed with Loſs a Sally of the Gibraltar Garriſon.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, March 16.
Since our laſt arrived a French Mail.

WE are to add to what was mentioned in the Cloſe of our laſt, touching the Debates of the Lords, That a Motion being made on the Queſtion put, That an Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, that he would pleaſe lay before the Houſe a Copy of all *Offenſive* Alliances lately made between the Emperor and the King of Spain, if any ſuch have been communicated to his Majeſty? It was reſolved in the Negative.

People are under the greateſt Impatience to know the Contents of the Propoſals for Accommodation, which is given out will be ſhortly laid before the Parliament; but ſhould they relate, as ſome Inſinuate, to the delivering up Gibraltar, it will not be complyed with, even though the Emperor ſhould on that Condition propoſe to aboliſh the Oſtend Company; eſpecially, ſince the Nation ſeems univerſally to concur, that that Fortreſs is of ſuch Importance that no Equivalent can be accepted. But the Stocks are riſen, S. S. to 98 and 1 half per Cent. and the reſt in Proportion.

Mean Time we are told, That a Gentleman is arrived from Count Staremberg, late Imperial Ambaſſador at this Court, with Orders to Diſcharge his Debts, and conduct his Children into Germany; That his Majeſty (who goes into Mourning next Sunday for the Death of the Duke of Parma) has ſent Orders to Hanover for getting ready his Field Equipage. Colonel Haſtings ſet out Yeſterday for Gibraltar; and the two Bomb Veſſels are commiſſioned.

By the French Mail our Merchants have Letters confirming the Arrival of one of their Ships of the Flotilla at St. Andero; and that Admiral Caſtagnetta with his Ships, and another Man of War and two Merchant-ſhips, were hourly expected in the ſeveral Ports of Spain. 'Tis added, that the Spaniards were very uppiſh on the Arrival of theſe Ships, and had ſeized ſeveral more of our Merchant-ſhips, and put Soldiers on board to ſecure them. This occaſions ſome Damp to our Hopes of an Accommodation. But 'tis probable that next Advices may bring us the good News, that Admiral Wager, who is cruiſing along the Coaſt, has ſnapt up ſome of the Ships of that Flotilla.

This Day one Joſeph Spencer a Carpenter, ſtood in the Pillory at Charing-Croſs for curſing his Majeſty. 'Tis ſaid 4 Perſons, ſuppoſed to be Gentlemens Sons of Oxford, are taken into Cuſtody for defacing the King's Statue, as in our laſt.

Mr. John Strachan, Merchant in Leith, is committed to the Tower on a Charge of High Treaſon.

Laſt Night the Committee received a Meſſage from the Lords, That his Majeſty had appointed this Afternoon at 2 a-clock to be attended with the Addreſs. Accordingly both Houſes went with the ſaid Addreſs in a Body to St. James's.

'Tis very ſurprizing the Spaniards ſhould venture to bring home their Flotilla from the Havana, when they knew how very difficult it was for them to eſcape falling into the Hands of ſome or other of the Britiſh Men of War.

Advices by the French Mail, make no mention of any Sally from Gibraltar, nor that the Beſiegers had fired one Bomb into the Town, but confirm the opening of the Trenches; and that the Spaniards had 20 Men killed, alſo a Captain, Lieutenant and a Brigadier of the Walloon Guards.

His Majeſty's Anſwer to the Addreſs of both Houſes, is in Subſtance, That this freſh Proof of their Confidence in his Majeſty, will convince the World, that all Attempts to divide our Hearts and Intereſts will be vain and ineffectual.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, March 16.

Copenhagen, March 12. The Court having certain Advice, that within theſe two Years ſome Men of War have been built at Archangel, *(without the Baltick)* which probably will form a Squadron next Summer, has ſent Orders to the Admiralty in Norway to ſend from Chriſtiana and Chriſtianſtadt, to Bergen and Drontheim ſome well-mann'd Fregats.

London, March 16. By many Letters from Peterſburg we learn, that her Czariſh Majeſty declines daily in her Health, and is ſo ſenſible of the Danger ſhe is in, that ſhe has made a Will, in which ſhe declares the Great Duke of Ruſſia, Grandſon of

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the late Czar, her Heir to the Imperial Crown of Russia; and has desired the Roman Emperor to be his Guardian, &c.

Edinburgh, March 21. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to authorize th'Intimation following.

"*Whitehall, March* 9. Whereas some wicked Persons have lately counterfeited Notes in Imitation of the Twenty-shilling Notes of the Bank of Scotland, and thereby imposed upon and defrauded Numbers of unwary Persons, to the great Prejudice of that Company and of many of his Majesty's Subjects: His Majesty is graciously pleas'd, in order to the discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons guilty of so vilainous a Forgery, to promise his most gracious Pardon to any Person concerned in the said Crime that shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as they, or any of them, may be apprehended and convict of the same. *HOLLES NEWCASTLE.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶ That at *Revelston*, in the Parish of Corstorphine, two Miles West from Edinburgh, there are to be sold in Wholesale a Quantity of fine old TIMBER, consisting of Ash, Plains and Elms to the Number of 400 Trees. The Proprietor may be spoke with at the Mansion-house of Revelston.

¶¶ On the twentieth of April next, betwixt the Hours of ten and twelve in the Forenoon, in the House of William Binny present Provost of Forfar; Are to be exposed to a voluntar Roup the Lands of QUARRELHILL and NEWMILL, lying upon the Side of the Water of Southesk, in the Foreft of Platen, in the Parishes of Tanadice and Outhlaw, and in the Sheriffdom of Forfar. The Lands of Quarrelhill hold Blanche of the Crown, and are a Forty-shilling-land, having a Vote in the Election of Commissioners to the Parliament. And the Newmill holds Feu of the Earl of Strathmore, for Payment of L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. Scots yearly. The yearly Rent of the said Lands is one Chalder of Bear, 42 Bolls of Meal, whereof 4 Bolls of twice-sheel'd Meal paid by the Tenant at the Mill; L. 220 of Money, 76 Poultry, 24 Capons, and two good yearling Mill Swine. Out of which it is to be paid L. 44, 9 sh. 6 d. Scots to the New College of St. Andrew's as Teind-luty: And the L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. of Feu-duty before mentioned. The Conditions of Roup, and Progress of Writs, may be seen in the Hands of Mr. James Small, Minister of the Gospel in Forfar, or in the Hands of the Town Clerk of Forfar.

¶¶ At Muirhouse, three Miles North-west of Edinburgh, there is a Fine Large STALLION (of the Coach-Kind) to serve Mares for this Season, at Half a-guinea two Leaps, and Half-a-crown to the Keeper.

¶¶ Whereas in the Night-time on Tuesday the 14th Instant, the Washing-house on Duddingston-Loch Side belonging to her Grace the Dutchess of Argyle, being broke open, there was stoln from thence a great many Linnens, such as Mens and Womens Shirts both Holland and Linnen, Aprons and a great deal of small Linnens, to a considerable Value, belonging to Captain Robert Telfer and Alexander Alison Junior Writer to the Signet, and Others: Whoever shall discover where these Linnens are, so as they may be recovered, let them apply to the Author of this Paper, (who will give the proper Marks on the Linnens belonging to the respective Families) and they shall have a sufficient Reward, and no Questions ask'd, N. B. 'Tis suspected the Linnens must be within the City, because early on Wednesday Morning the 15th, three Women came in at the Potterrow-Port, with a Burden on each; and being searched by the Waiters, all the Burdens were found to be wet Linnens.

¶¶ Whereas there has been lately spread about Town, a most groundless, false and malicious Report, as if NORMAND MACLEOD of that Ilk had when in Town last Winter, lost considerable Sums of Money at Game; and as there is not the least Ground for such a villainous and calumnious Aspersion, These are therefore offering a Reward of Twenty Guineas, to any Person or Persons, who will discover the Author or Authors of so malicious a Story, so as they may be convict of the same, and on Application to the Author of this Paper, they shall have full Satisfaction.

¶¶ That upon the second Thursday of April next, being the 13th of the said Month, there is to be exposed to a publick voluntar Roup and Sale, (by Warrant and Authority of the LORDS OF SESSION) within the Dwelling-house of David Main Vintner in Glasgow, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 before Noon; The Houses, Shops, Cellars, Acres and Ground-annuals, lying in and about the Town of Glasgow, which belonged to the deceast Archibald Dennistion Hammerman there, either in Whole or in Parcels. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of the Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of John Easson Writer in Glasgow, at his House near the Cross, any Time before the Roup.

† † That on Thursday the 23d Day of March current, at the House of the deceast Baillie John Olgivy in Coupar of Angus; there is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, A LARGE HOUSE in the said Town of Coupar consisting of three Stories and Garrets, and in it nine Fire-Rooms and Closets, with the Brewhouse, Stables, Byres, and several other Office Houses; a large Garden well fenced, and planted with choice Fruit Trees; as also a large Malt Barn, well Lofted and Slated; with Kiln, Coble and Drawingwell, all which belonged to the said deceast Baillie John Ogilvie, and were possest by himself, and makes Excellent Accomodation for a publick House; as also another Dwelling House in Coupar, and several Acres and Crofts of Land, adjacent to the said Town, all computed to six Hundred and fifty Merks Scots of yearly free Rent. That the said Baillie John Ogilvie, by the Settlement of his Affairs, having disponed all the said Lands, and his other Means and Estate, in favours of John Ogilvie his only Son, did recommend it to him and several honourable Gentlemen, as Trustees appointed by him to sell and dispone the foresaid Lands, and to apply the Price for Payment of his Creditors, in pursuance whereof the foresaid Roup and Sale is advertised; but that his Son and Trustees may have a full View of his Affairs before them, the Creditors are desired betwixt and the Day of the Roup, to transmit a particular Account of the Debts owing to them, and the Vouchers and Diligence for the same, to Mr. Alexander Airth at Coupar of Angus; and the Creditors are also desired if they shall think fit, to attend the Roup and Sale, and to bring with them their Vouchers and Diligence, that they may have Occasion to witness the Roup and Sale, and to see the Price fairly applied for their own Payments in the first Place, and the Creditors Presence is the rather expected, because till their Meeting, the Disposal of considerable Moveables belonging to him is delayed. The Rental of the above Lands and Tenements, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of John Mercer Sheriff Clerk of Perth, or the above Mr. Alexander Airth; or either of these Gentlemen, will give Notice where they are to be seen.